GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

MA&UD Dept. – Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer – Failed to comply with the instructions of the higher authorities with respect to the preparation and submission of the Council of Ministers agenda item – Placed under suspension – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (OP.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1351 Dated: 28-11-2025

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O R D E R:-

Whereas it has been brought to the notice of the Government that Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, has failed to comply with the instructions of the higher authorities with respect to the preparation and submission of the Council of Ministers agenda item titled:

> "The Andhra Pradesh Regulation and Control of Display Devices (Promotion of Products and Services) in Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2025"

2. And whereas, despite clear directions issued by the Principal Secretary to Government, MA&UD Department, the officer submitted an incorrect and irrelevant PowerPoint presentation to the Cabinet Section, General Administration Department, leading to miscommunication, inconvenience to the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers, thereby causing administrative lapse and serious dereliction of duty.

3. And whereas, the above acts constitute gross negligence, lack of devotion to duty and disobedience of lawful orders of superiors.

4. And whereas, disciplinary proceedings against Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department are being contemplated.

5. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority, after careful consideration of the matter, it is necessary to place Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department under suspension.

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 8(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, the Government hereby place Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, MA&UD Department, under Suspension with immediate effect i.e., from 28-11-2025, pending contemplation of disciplinary proceedings.

7. It is further ordered that during the period of this order remains in force the headquarters of Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department shall be Velagapudi of Guntur District and the said Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department shall not leave the headquarters without obtaining the prior permission of the competent authority.

8. It is further ordered that during the period of suspension, Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department shall be paid subsistence allowance as per FR 53.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S. SURESH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Vijay Kumar Katumala, Section Officer, Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department

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Section Officer